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Liquid-Treating And Drying)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-9 with the following amended paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/892,269, filed on June 27, 2001 now U.S. Patent _____, which claims benefit to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/214,693 entitled "Method For Removing A Liquid From A Flat Substrate And Method For Drying A Flat Substrate.", filed on June 27, 2000.